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On 7 December 1948 1,000 workmen gathered at the Covernment Palace to demand action from President Galo Plaza on the closing of the Gonzalez Artigas factories in Quito. The factories had been closed, and 600 workmen were discharged, allegedly because of the Government's refusal to grant a loan. The workers threatened to initiate a general strike and to burn the factories if action were not taken. President Plaza addressed the mob and promised aution within forty-eight hours if they would disband. The Army was alerted and small infantry units were assigned guard duty at the factories.

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